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In re Application of: FERREE

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INTRAMEDULLARY COMPONENT:

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 21, 2005, please amend the above identified application as follows: